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UP, UP AND OVER - Grade 5 student Rylee Warawa edges over the bar to win her grade's High Jump competition at last Thursday's Track and Field competition, with the weather cooperating nicely for the packed schedule of events. More photos, Page 6.

Clean up for Canada Day

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With Canada Day just 11 days away, the Town of Elk Point is hoping that everyone will make sure their property is looking its best for the occasion.

Elk Point's Bylaw Enforcement officer was touring the town last Thursday to check for weeds, un-mown lawns and unattractive clutter, and found 46 areas in need of a clean-up. The Town would like to remind property owners and renters that it is their responsibility to mow boulevards in front of their homes and back alleys to the property line, as in addition to their lawns.

Residents that do not comply with the bylaw will receive letters asking them to do so, and if no action is taken, the town could send in a mowing crew with the cost being added to the property's tax roll.

Last year, the Town notified 44 properties and only one did not comply, while in 2015, 39 were notified and four did not comply.

Town council and staff feel that on the whole, residents and commercial and industrial property owners are doing a very good job to keep the community clean, and thanks them all in making a special effort, especially with all the moisture this year.

The Public Works department is doing their part by keeping up with grass cutting – seven times to date - in public areas.

Minor ball growth brings request for new diamond

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Elk Point Minor Ball has asked the Town of Elk Point for permission and support of the construction of a new diamond for Mosquito and Pee wee –age players and upgrades for the Elk Point Recreation Park ball facilities. There are currently bantam, midget and softball diamonds at the park, but none the appropriate size for the younger players between 10 and 13 years of age.

Minor ball now has grown to nearly 150 players. With numbers consistently high for the past several years, and with more players and teams, the association is running into scheduling problems, Minor Ball treasurer Margaret Bayduza said, adding that a fifth diamond would help to relieve some of the pressure. An additional diamond would also allow them to bid for more provincial and league tournaments and events, she noted. Other upgrades would include resurfacing diamonds, repairing fences and upgrading the batting cage.

With the new diamond estimated to cost \$42,205 to build, Minor Ball has applied for a \$15,000 Baseball

Alberta 50ty Anniversary Facility Grant, and intends to apply for a Community Facility Enhancement Project (CFEP) grant to cover the upgrades to the existing facilities.

The association asked for permission for the additional diamond and upgrades and for a letter of support that could be included with the CFEP application. They also expressed hope for financial or in-kind donations from the town for the project.

Council agreed to the requests for permission and a letter of support, and suggested the association apply for a Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant before last Wednesday's deadline. They also agreed that the town could offer manpower and use of equipment to support the project.

Pickleball location

The location of a proposed pickleball court, to be funded by the \$20,000 grant that the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS received from Federated Cooperatives Ltd., will not be on the tennis courts, as indicated in last week's coverage of the grant presentation.

Although the tennis court area would have been a good site, it is on Agricultural Society property

and other groups are involved, Deputy Mayor Lorne Young told council. "I would be very much in favour of using one end of the outdoor rink," as a site, he added, considering that the rink is not being used as what it was designed for.

With no sticks allowed and no boards, the rink cannot be used for hockey, and making and maintaining ice on the site has proved difficult. The space required for the pickleball courts would only take up part of the area, and would leave ample room for a small outdoor skating area.

Council moved to approve dedication of half of the skating rink area as a pickleball court, to be constructed with the Co-op funding. It was noted in the discussions that the funding could not be used for the arena roof repairs because a condition of the grant was that it would be for a new project.

Airport trailer

The fate of the trailer at Elk Point and District Airport has now been decided. An individual has come forward who is interested in renovating the structure in exchange for a year's free rent, with a \$10,000 budget for materials to be shared by the town and county.

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Elk Point Elks Lodge recognizes 275 years of service



Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge recognized a total of 275 years of service to the Elk Point community with pins presented at their year-end barbecue on Friday. Seated, left to right are George Dikeman, 40 years, charter member Ed Pankiw, 55 years, Walter Jendruk, 40 years; standing, left to right: Jeff Hoyle, 5 years, Lawrence Pidluzny, 35 years, Lorne Young, 5 years, Allan Berg, 35 years, Dwayne Yaremkevich, 30 years and Randy Ballas, 30 years. Charter member Ed Gregoraschuk, who was not in attendance, also qualified for a 55-year pin.

Town Council

(Continued from Front Page)

The trailer will remain on its current site and the Airport Commission will retain ownership.

Town council learned at last week's meeting that the trailer is not in as bad condition as was originally thought, and the largest expense will be to replace the furnace. The individual has also volunteered to mow grass around the terminal and to shovel snow during the year of occupancy.

Why join?

A membership invoice from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) caused council to question, "What do we get for our money?" Elk Point has never sent a delegate to the organization's functions, which are both costly and located in Ottawa, and although Mayor Parrish Tung pointed out that the FCM "speaks on (municipalities') behalf across the nation," on issues affecting Canada that range from marijuana legalization to immigration, council voted to file the invoice for information rather than renewing the membership at this time.

Angle parking

The safety of angle parking stalls on the north side of 49 Ave. between 49 Street and 50 Street was brought to council's attention by Elk Point RCMP

after the detachment received a complaint. It was later determined that although council approved angle parking in that area in December, 2012 and passed a motion on June 10, 2013 to extend angle parking to the north side of 49 Ave. between 50 and 51 streets, the parking bylaw had never been amended to cover the changes. Council has now made that amendment, passing all three readings at the June 12 meeting.

Regional water

After receiving a letter from the Minister of Indigenous Relations regarding \$100 million in new funding that has become available to increase First Nations access to regional water systems, Mayor Tung, as chairperson of the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission, asked administration to contact the minister to see if there is an opportunity for collaboration on upcoming projects.

Rate drop

Council was pleased to approve a renewal rate for electricity and natural gas offered by AMSC Aggregated Procurement that saw power costs drop from \$5.80 per kw/hr to \$4.74 and gas drop from over \$3.00 per gigajoule to \$2.92. The new gas rate will be in effect until 2022, and the electricity rate until 2020, when provincial regulations are slated for change.

FCSS Board

Administration has now reviewed the FCSS Bylaw

to see if an alternate member could be added, but the consensus of opinion is that an alternate would not know what is happening at the board meetings and there would be no continuity. The item was received as information and Mayor Tung noted that he could attend the meetings if necessary.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding for the St. Paul - Elk Point Regional Partnership, setting out the parameters for the inter-municipal collaboration committee, was brought to council and approved.

Coloured concrete

Raiders Site Services Ltd. has proposed the use of coloured concrete to highlight the Elk Point Trail System Railway Ave. project, rather than paving stones similar to those on Main Street, or stamped concrete. The company outlined the advantages of the coloured concrete, saying it would be easier to maintain and keep clean and less likely to heave from the freezing/thawing cycles of Alberta winters. Council agreed that they would be comfortable with coloured concrete accents, especially if they could be a colour to match the paving stones.

Electoral boundaries

The proposed changes to Alberta's electoral boundaries do not sit well with council, who directed administration to draw up a letter of opposition to the Boundaries Commission, stating that the proposed boundary should include the towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the entire County of St. Paul in the same electoral district.

STIP Grant application turned down

The Elk Point and District Airport Authority, County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point's application for a Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant to replace the lights at the airport has been turned down. The Elk Point and District Lions had applied for a CFEP grant to assist with the project, and a motion was passed to contact the Lions and request that they withdraw their application, since the grant would no longer be needed.

Payback time

With the 2016 MSI operating funding grants sent out and the deadline for 2017 grants less than two days in the future, council agreed that they will propose an amendment to the policy for MSI funding for the 2018 grants, stating that organizations receiving funding must contribute volunteer hours for community events. Currently it is proving so difficult to find volunteers that the Canada Day committee has found it necessary to hire workers to fill some of the positions traditionally covered by volunteers.



Northern Lights Library System

INVITATION TO TENDER - PURCHASE OF USED VEHICLES

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All enquiries must be made between 8:30 am-4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

For further information please contact: Reception at 780-724-2596 ext. 2100

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Slide area still slowing Moosehills traffic

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

While the Moosehills Road slide is still an issue that needs to be monitored, council heard that the situation has improved following work that was done, and less of the road is now being affected.

Gravel is being hauled to the road regularly, which holds for about a week before it lets go.

"I think the county has gone a good job," said Coun. Glen Ockerman, pointing out that less of the area is now affected. "Let's just see how it progresses."

The speed limit in the area is down to 30 km/hour, said Kitz. A number of warning signs have also been put up.

Electoral Boundaries

Council agreed to allow administration to put together a written submission to express concerns regarding the proposed electoral boundary changes, as presented in the Electoral Boundary Commission interim report.

Ockerman said he had personally received calls from ratepayers who were upset by the proposal, which would see the county split between two electoral divisions.

The deadline for written submissions to the commission is July 8.

A motion for administration to proceed with drafting a letter to submit to the commission was carried.

Census

Council approved an extension to the municipal census currently taking place in the County of St. Paul. The census is being done because the federal census numbers collected in 2016 appear to be lower than what is believed to be the case.

About 85 per cent of the census forms had been returned, and 89 per cent of people have responded, reported Kyle Attanasio, director of corporate services with the County of St. Paul.

As of early last week, the county had a population count of 5,516. If each of the households that had yet to respond averaged two people per household, then the county would be in really good shape.

While staff understands that some of those respondents will be zero, others will likely be families with more than one child. Council agreed to grant an extension to July 31, and allow staff to continue conducting the census.

Trauma

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS department has been working with Elk Point's fire department to deal with the trauma associated with responding to the fatal vehicle collision that occurred last month.

Four men were killed in a collision along Highway 29, with many of the victims being from Elk Point. An



SLIP SLIDING AWAY - Signage at both ends of the slide area on Moosehills Road warns of the danger as the west edge of the road continues to crumble, despite the County's ongoing efforts.

appreciation dinner is being held on June 29 at the Elk Point fire hall, and a speaker will be on hand to speak about post traumatic stress disorder.

"We do have their back. We do support them," said Ockerman, when speaking on the issue, and how the collision has affected the community.

Northern Valley Road

While the pre-estimate hovered around the \$4 million mark, following the opening of tenders for the Northern Valley Road project, the project is now expected to cost closer to \$3 million to complete.

Council also approved a borrowing bylaw for the project.

"The borrowing bylaw will be for one quarter of the total project. We will receive funding for half of the project from the Province and funding for the other quarter of the project from CNRL," reads the agenda package for last week's meeting.

A motion to award the tender to the lowest bidding contractor was also carried.

Cold Mix

Council also discussed tenders from contractors to supply cold mix to the municipality for roadwork. Three bids came in, with two bids being very close.



Administration recommended going with the lowest bid, but council discussed the importance of working with a contractor that the municipality has had good experiences with.

Council agreed to accept the bid from Black Track Paving, based on past experienced with the company and having worked with the local business for a number of years, although the bid was not the lowest.

Black Track Paving's bid came in at \$14/tonne, while the lowest bid by Grynn Contracting Ltd came in at \$13.75/tonne. The bids are based on 70,000 tonnes of cold mix in the Richland pit.

Parks

A number of amenities are being introduced at parks in the County of St. Paul, including the addition of wi-fi Internet at the Westcove campground, and raised garden beds being placed at each of the municipal campgrounds.

Two raised garden beds will be at each park, with vegetables growing, and accessible to campers. The initiative is part of provincial efforts to promote healthy living, reported Kitz in her CAO report.

Block entrance to reduce crime, residents ask County

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Review Contributor

Residents from the Waterton subdivision at Laurier Lake approached council last week to ask for one of the entrances into the subdivision to be blocked off, in a bid to reduce crime and ATVs speeding through the area.

Shawn Jacula explained that the majority of property owners in the subdivision are seasonal, but there are some who live in the subdivision year-round. The request from residents is that the county block off the northwest access at Poplar Drive.

"Vandalism is at a high," said Jacula, adding, the change would hopefully address security issues that many residents are experiencing.

"Our hope is to make them think twice about how they're going to get in and out," said Jacula, when speaking of people committing the crimes.

While most incidents used to occur in the winter months, when the lake properties weren't being occupied, the crime seems to be occurring more frequently at other times of the year too, said Jacula.

He also spoke about an incident that occurred over May long weekend, where a child was nearly hit by an ATV speeding through the subdivision. People seem to be using the loop as their "personal race track," said Jacula.

He said resident would also like to see "local traffic only" sign installed.

Coun. Glen Ockerman asked Jacula if he felt all the residents were in favour of the request. Jacula said that the group has created a private page online where discussions take place, and so far, there is no resistance.

Jacula also explained that the old boat launch road and access to the lake would not be affected by the requested change.

Ockerman also brought up the need to create a turnaround if the one entrance was blocked off, since snow removal machinery and other large vehicles may need it.

Coun. Maxine Fodness said a similar request had been received from residents near Lac Sante at one time, and council said no to the request.

Coun. Frank Sloan asked if residents had met with

RCMP, to discuss other possible solutions. He added that when people bought their properties, the road was the same as it is now.

Councillors also noted that there continue to be issues with ATVs in many areas throughout the municipality.

Sloan made a motion to deny the request, but directed the local councillor and administration to work with the community to find a solution to the issues.

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EDITORIAL

Logos for their time



In 1967, Canada's Centennial publications and events were all branded with the Centennial logo, designed by Stuart Ash. It consisted of a stylized maple leaf composed of 11 equilateral triangles representing Canada's 10 provinces and the Northwest Territories (Canada's accepted geography at the time). In many instances, the flag consisted of all white triangles on a brightly coloured background.

Since 1967, Canada has done some reshuffling, with the result that there are now 13 provinces and territories. The Sesquicentennial logo, designed by a 19-year-old university student Ariana Cuvin is a stylized maple leaf made up of 13 multicoloured diamonds, with the four red central diamonds symbolizing the original four provinces. White versions on bright backgrounds are also available.

Ash felt the current design "adopted the same content and ideas" of his half-century-old logo, and called it "complicated, confusing and very decorative."

If memory serves, similar comments were put forth on his own creation back in the day, and there are those who still think so today. But really, aren't they both just a reflection of an era and its art styles?

And if it isn't your style, cheer up - it will soon fade into the dark recesses of history as did its predecessor.

RECREATION CORNER

Canada Day has a full schedule

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Elk Point is known throughout the region and across Alberta as having one of the best Canada Day celebrations. The 150th Birthday of our nation will be no different. The day is full of fun activities, sights and opportunities to bump into old friends and family.

The day starts with a pancake breakfast at the library from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Reminder to anyone participating in the parade, line up is 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. You can get your float in line and then leave for some pancakes. There will be no judging of late entries and registration is highly recommended. You can contact Diane at 780-646-0468 to register. Another thing to note is that for all entries, you must line up using the west entrance of Railway Avenue - by the fire hall. Do NOT enter from the east off Highway 41 near Tags. Bikes are to line up at 10:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 11:00 a.m.

Lakeland Realty is once again serving ice cream from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This is something Lakeland Realty has done for a number of years and is a huge hit. ((P.S. - it's FREE)). So grab a cold and tasty treat and find a great spot on the parade route.

There will be lots of options for lunch, but I recommend the perogy dinner put on by St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. They serve from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Centre.

The Town of Elk Point has sponsored an amazing stage show this year. Opening ceremonies start at 12:00 noon at the Canada Day Stage with the singing of O Canada, followed by some opening addresses from local dignitaries. Those will be followed by the first of two shows by Greg T, illusionist and magician.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Lodge opened, league champs, quilters' milestone

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20 IN...

1987

Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski officially opened Heritage Lodge, with MLA John Drobot and resident Marion Smith unveiling a plaque from the Heritage Fund at the celebration, fittingly held in Senior Citizens' Week. Elk Point also celebrated 80 years of permanent settlement that week, presenting commemorative medallions to 55 residents aged 80 or older, with another 30 unable to attend the reception scheduled to receive their medallions at a late date.

1992

Elk Point Mites team number one proved they were number one in more than name, winning the Lakeland Mite Boys League baseball championship. Lions Club president-elect Glenn Flanders handed over the keys to the brand new washroom-utility facility at the Elk Point Recreation Park to Mayor Bruce Kleeberger, town administrator Curt Svendsen and Community Services representative Lynn Proskiw.

1997

Elk Point Chamber Of Commerce hosted a community prayer breakfast focusing on family values, with entertainment by the Quist family's Crystal River gospel group. Town council was required to make another attempt at holding a by-election to fill a council vacancy, after a previous attempt did not attract any willing candidates.

2002

Town council held the line on mill rates and agreed to join with the County of St. Paul in a joint grant application for parks improvement funds, with the municipalities eligible for an additional 25 per cent when applying together. Wayne Knight of St.

Walburg, SK set a new track record at Dewberry's CPCA chuckwagon race meet, crossing the finish line in 1:06.53.

2007

Elk Point Further Ed's Daytime Quilters, currently 15 in number but with about 40 participants over the years, passed the milestone of creating 1,000 since their group began in 1994. Town council signed the contracts for road improvements on 56A Ave. and 49 Ave., with the work slated to begin in August.

2012

Elk Point town council took a decisive step toward residential growth when they sent a 16-lot residential subdivision to tender, with the \$863,000 price tag is "a good deal in terms of financing," town manager Myron Goyan said, with interim funding for both that area and the industrial subdivision has been approved.



LOVELY WEATHER FOR DUCKS? NOT! For the second year in a row, high streamflow conditions on the North Saskatchewan River and a series of rainstorms caused relocation of the event, this time to the Water Spray Park.

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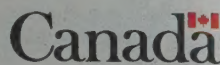
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County, Town FCSS has 'a full summer booked'

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The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Summer Events Team has been busy planning a whole list of events, set to take place in various communities across the County of St. Paul, and in the town of Elk Point.

"We have a full summer booked," says FCSS director Janice Fodchuk.

Kids programs

Free kids summer programs will also once again take place in Ashmont and Mallaig.

The programs are meant for children between the ages of 7 and 12.

In Ashmont, the program will run from July 18 to Aug. 10, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each of those days, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a variety of activities will take place, keeping children busy through the summer months.

For more information and to register for the Ashmont program, contact Andrea Scott at (780) 614-1129.

In Mallaig, the program will run from July 4 to Aug. 24. A registration day will take place on June 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Once again, the program will happen on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays, but from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register or get more information for the Mallaig program, contact Kaylee Vandenberg at (780) 645-9768.

Movie Nights

A number of outdoor movie nights will also make their way through the County of St. Paul this summer. The events have been taking place for a few years now, and continue to be a popular gathering spot for many small communities.

Shows will begin at dark, with Elk Point hosting the first movie night on Canada Day. The program will then travel to St. Vincent on July 6; Lac Bellevue on July 8; Heinsberg on July 20; Boscombe on July 21; Stoney Lake on July 26; Westcove on July 28; Cork Hall on Aug. 11; Ashmont on Aug. 12; Ferguson Flats on Aug. 18; and Mallaig on Aug. 25.

People are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to get comfortable. Free popcorn will also be served. The program is also done in part with St. Paul Cornerstone Co-op.

Color Runs

Two Color Run events will also be taking place in the area, the first being held in Elk Point on July 15. The Elk Point event is a 5 km route, and participants will get a t-shirt, sunglasses,

wristband and tattoos.

The Mallaig run will be a 3 km route, and participants will again receive the same package. Registration for these events is also being done through the Summer Events Team by email at fcss.summerevents@gmail.com

Amazing Race

The Amazing Race Elk Point is taking place on Aug. 19. The day is described as a family event, with people making up teams of at least two people. There is no entry fee but teams must consist of at least one licensed driver.

Registration for the Amazing Race closes on Aug. 16. Contact the Summer Events Team by email for registration information.

3 on 3 Basketball

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS will also be hosting two 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, one on July 22 in Westcove, and another in Elk Point on July 30.

Teams will consist of three to six players in various divisions of play. There is a \$20 registration fee per team. Games will begin at 11 a.m., each day. The deadline to register for the Westcove event is July 15, while the deadline to register for the Elk Point tournament is July 23.

To register, contact the Summer

Events Team by email.

Science Days, board games and crafts

Three separate days filled with science will also take place this summer. The science days are meant for people of all ages, and are described as "fun family science activities and experiments."

The events will take place in Ferguson Flats on July 4; Mallaig on July 20; and Lac Bellevue on July 25.

Two board game days will also take place, one at Ferguson Flats on July 18, and another in Lac Bellevue on Aug. 8. Ferguson Flats will also play host to a craft day on Aug. 1.

Salad in a Jar

Staff members with FCSS have also been presenting their Salad in a Jar program to groups in the area, this month.

"Salads in a jar, has been a huge hit," according to Fodchuk. As of last week, about 200 people have been presented to, with the group sharing healthy and easy recipes, as part of the Alberta Prevents Cancer initiative.

Champions for Change in St. Paul is also involved in the project.

"The community feedback has been very positive," says e, adding, the Salads in a Jar campaign will end in June.

Canada Day

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After Greg T, there will be a quick Dog Agility demonstration by the local 4-H Multi Club and at 1:30 p.m., the Camp Fire Kings take the stage. They are a really fun duo that plays just about every song you can think of! They take on the spot requests or you can get a song in early by visiting them online, thecampfirekings.com. Their show runs until 4:00 p.m., followed by some fiddlers and into another performance by Greg T.

At 5:00 p.m. Jorja Theriault will take the stage with friends and we'll have some other local performers to end the outdoor stage show.

Also happening near the stage area will be bouncy houses and kids' activities, including a passport to fun challenge, thanks to the Early Childhood Development Committee. There will be Papillion the Clown on site, as well as a face painter. The bouncy houses are open from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m., thanks to the Elk Point Lions and Canadian Natural. There will be Teen Games and a Dunk Tank to benefit Minor Ball, thanks to the Community Lions and TD Bank.

F. G. Miller High will be open for the Biggest High School Reunion Ever! We encourage everyone to track down their old classmates and schedule a time to meet up at the school between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. There will be yearbooks and photos on display, as well as a professional photographer to take photos of reunited classmates on the steps of the school. Please rendezvous on your own.

At 5:00 p.m., the Community Dinner will begin service at the A. G. Ross Arena. It's catered by PS Catering and includes beef on a bun, coleslaw, beans, pasta salad and dessert! You can pay at the door or purchase tickets in advance to make things a little easier. Tickets are available at the Town of Elk Point Office. You can also RSVP large groups to patsyspacil@gmail.com. Dinner service ends at 7:00 p.m.

Doors open for the Community Dance at the arena at 9:00 p.m. It is an all ages, licensed event, sponsored by Weatherford and Servus Credit Union. The Town of Elk Point has sponsored a really fun, high-energy band, Mid Life Crisis, to play! They are the type of band that'll have you dancing and singing along - all night long! Tickets are can be purchased at the Town of Elk Point Office or online, lakelandconnect.net. Please note: there are only 350 tickets available, so do not hesitate! All money raised from the event will benefit the Curling Club.

Other events: The Jamboree at the Seniors' Centre will begin at 7:00 p.m. and run until midnight. There will be a free outdoor movie at the Canada Day Stage area at dusk thanks to the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS.

The Fireworks will go off with a bang at 11:00 p.m. The show promises to be bigger than ever, thanks to the County of St. Paul.

For more information on any events visit elk-point.ca or head to our socials @townofelkpoint #TheRightPlaceToBe.



WET AND WILD - One stop on last year's FCSS Amazing Race turned into an impromptu water fight when two rival teams met at the Elk Point Water Spray Park to try out the local version of a water slide combined with hauling water one sponge-load at a time. Who can tell what this year's race will bring?

Thank You

To Rene, Rollie & Jean from the Burger Bar for their time and patience with us invading them, to DLM Oilfield for the loan of a car trailer at the last minute, to Robert & Marie Zayac for the use of their truck and hauling the trailer with the old car on it, to Uncle Gary for providing me with the old car (it was so fun to drive it around Elk Point), to Stoney Lake Campground for allowing us use of the facility, to the Town of Elk Point and to all my friends and family for their work and support as we shot my video Hometown Sundowns in Elk Point on June 10, 2017. It meant a lot to me to be able to film this video in my hometown. Thank you all so much!

Olivia Rose

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ELK POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students ran races (Grade 2 boys, top), tossed pool noodles (Kindergarten student Olivia, above), carefully toted eggs on wooden spoons (right) and jumped from both standing (Grade 4 girls, below left) and running (Grade 6 boys, below right) starts at Thursday's track meet, as well as taking part in a variety of fun activities, ranging from golf putting to potato races, before enjoying an outdoor lunch of hot dogs.

Vicki Brooker photos



'Spirited discussion' over improvements

JANANI WHITFIELD

Review Staff

A majority of Alberta teachers have voted in favour of a two-year agreement with the government that includes no new raises and a \$75-million classroom improvement fund, but the challenges of deciding how to spend the funds lies ahead.

At the June 14 St. Paul Education Regional Division board meeting, school board chair Heather Starosielski said the intent is "to improve students' experience in the classroom." The allocation to each division is based on student enrollment, with SPERD receiving \$444,000, she said.

However, she noted that all the funds must be spent by the end of the 2018 school year, at which point, ATA representative Connie Landsiedel at the meeting scoffed, "It's a fundraiser for the government."

A little later during discussions, Landsiedel noted that among ATA members, there was a "spirited discussion" as to the details of the Classroom Improvement Fund, saying, for instance, "What happens if the principal proposes a big project for the school?" Or, she said, would everyone get an equal say on spending the funds?

Superintendent Glen Brodziak said that everyone would get an equal vote, with the principals not taking precedence over teachers, but rather, decisions based on compromise. The main goal to improve students' classroom experience was a good one, he said.

Landsiedel acknowledged this point, and noted that people are now talking about accessing resources they couldn't get before.

"There's some really good ideas on what people want to spend the money on, so I'm encouraged by that," she said.

In an interview following the meeting, Starosielski said there has been a committee struck up to look at proposals on how to spend the funds.

"As a school and teachers, they can decide," she said, noting individual teachers may choose to spend \$1,600 each on their particular classroom, for instance, by purchasing Chromebooks for all students, or the school may collectively decide to collaborate on a joint project, for instance, by choosing a special professional development opportunity. Other schools may choose to use the funds to hire staff, such as extra instructional assistants.

"There may be some divisions that are looking at adding staff, but it's only a one-year fix," she said, noting that certain use of funds may be more sustainable than others, given the funding is only for one year.

Proposals must be submitted before the end of the month, she said, so they can be reviewed and funding can be in place for the next school year.

Playground funds

The province of Alberta might have introduced \$20 million for playgrounds over the next four years, but at this point, it looks unlikely that two new schools in the local division will see any of those funds, secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne reported to the school board.

New schools for students in kindergarten to Grade 6 will be eligible for grants up to \$250,000. The grants will be retroactive to 2014, so that more than 50 previously announced schools will be eligible, but Two Hills Mennonite School has been under construction since 2013, so it does not meet the time-

line, he said.

And while there were hopes for Ashmont School to receive funds, it is being built on the same site as the former school, and the grants are only intended for schools being built on new schools. Champagne noted, however, new schools are built to replace older schools, which typically have older playground equipment as well.

"Could we see any exceptions?" asked Trustee Ruven Rajoo, as he spoke to the Two Hills Mennonite School specifically. Given that construction on the school has been so long delayed, a grant would be a way to thank the community for its patience, he noted. The school board has received assurances that the long-running construction will be finished and the school officially opened on September 2017.

Champagne said he had already enquired about exceptions, but had been told there would be none; however, the board could lobby the government, he said.

"There's always hope," said Brodziak.

Starosielski noted that most of the playgrounds that have been thus far announced have been for urban schools, with the exception of a Grande Prairie school. In rural areas, the school park may be the only park in the community, and the need may be greater as well, she said.

Trustee Deb Pederson added that the restriction on having new schools built on new sites didn't make sense either for small, rural communities, as these communities are more limited on land possibilities for new schools.

The board agreed to reiterate the reasons and need, as well as the benefit of receiving up to \$250,000 for new playgrounds, in a letter to the education minister.

Learning Network

The school board discussed a letter from the Alberta Teachers Association regarding the fact that the ATA has chosen to withdraw ATA representatives from regional learning consortiums. These consortia came about in the 1990s, as a way to deliver professional development despite education funding cuts.

The letter, signed by ATA president Mark Ramasankar, stated, "The bottom line is that today, consortia deliver a program almost exclusively to teachers; education partners who do not receive nor participate in consortium programs govern the consortia."

Ramasankar went on to say the governance model is broken, and the association would rather move to a model where the association, not a consortium with a board governed by non-teachers, delivers programs to members.

Brodziak said the local school division had a good relationship with its regional consortium, Learning Network Educational Services, which he said offered good professional development opportunities for teachers.

Landsiedel questioned if there were more personal issues or a power struggle happening between the association and the consortium, saying the letter did not speak for her, or for local members.

"I love being blindsided by my own association, so much fun," said Landsiedel.

Starosielski said the school board would let the local ATA respond to the provincial association, as well as allow the Alberta School Board Association inquire further into the decision.

COUNTY OF
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HIGHLIGHTS

June 13, 2017 Council Meeting

2017 Property Taxes – Notices were mailed out on May 12th. If you do not receive your notice, contact Carolyn at 645-3301, ext 215 to ensure that we have your correct mailing address on file. **The County Office will be open during the lunch hour from May 15th to June 30th to accommodate ratepayers during property tax season.**

Assessment Open House – will be held on June 22nd from 9 am to 3pm to discuss questions/concerns regarding your 2017 property tax assessment. Contact Crystal at 780-645-3301, ext 202 to book an appointment.

Disaster Recovery Assistance – Since the fall of 2016, the County has experienced above average amounts of precipitation. Based on Precipitation Accumulations Relative to Long Term Normal the County was in a once in 50 years range in October 2016 and a once in once in 25 to 50-year range in April 2017. As a result, the County will be applying for disaster recovery assistance as many of the County roads will require additional gravel and increased maintenance than during a typical year. **The County has implemented several strategies to combat the poor road conditions such as more and higher quality gravel than previous years and longer hours per day on equipment when it is not raining.** On top of the poor road conditions, our work force has also had to deal with many more drainage issues due to the 50-year high water levels that have destroyed culverts and washed out roads or completely covered roads with water.

The County appreciates the public's patience while we continue to work under these difficult conditions and will be working diligently on these issues through until freeze up.

Westcove – Wifi is now available at Westcove Municipal Park. This service is being provided free of charge by MCSNet in partnership with the County of St. Paul. The Spray Park is operational at Westcove.

2017 Regional Strategic Plan – Council approved the Regional Strategic Plan which encompasses areas of collaboration, shared services and projects that our municipalities can work on to enhance the quality of life for all our residents. The Strategic Plan can be viewed on the County website.

Electoral Boundaries Commission – In the proposed Boundaries Commission Report the County of St. Paul will be divided between the Fort Saskatchewan-St. Paul and Bonnyville-Cold Lake ridings. Administration will be preparing a submission outlining the County's concerns regarding the proposed changes. Residents can also submit feedback on the Commission's Report at abebc.ca/submissions.

Northern Valley Road – The tender for the Northern Valley Road, Phase 3, Grading and Other Work was awarded to G & J Parking Lot for \$2,107,675. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,202,000 – half of which will be funded through the resource road component of the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) and one-quarter by CNRL. The balance of the project will be funded through Short Term Borrowing Bylaw No. 2017-21 to be paid off within a five-year period.

Public Works – Council approved the purchase of a Link Belt Excavator from Equipment Sales and Service for \$234,500 providing staff are comfortable with the operation it. Council also accepted the bid of \$14/tonne from Black Track Paving to mix 70,000 tonnes of cold mix in the Richland Pit.

Planning and Development – Council gave second and third readings to Bylaw No. 2017-20 approving a boundary adjustment for Lot 10ER, Block 1, Plan 8121812 to rectify an encroachment concern with the property.

Ag Service Board – has started the roadside mowing and spraying program. The roads that will be affected by the spray program will be available on the County website. If residents do not want spraying done in front of their property, they must sign an agreement and pick up "No Spray" signs to be posted. The County's no spray policy outlines the owner's responsibility to maintain the portion of roadway between the boundary of their property and the centerline of the road allowance. The policy can be viewed on the County website.

Funding Support:

- \$250 – Regional High School for National Track and Field
- \$500 – Regional High School, Mallaig School, FG Miller High School for Provincial Track & Field
- \$500 – ARMAA Conference
- \$5,000 – Elk Point and Mallaig Chambers of Commerce
- \$5,500 – St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Assn.
- \$10,000 – St. Paul Chamber of Commerce

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext. 208



Brandi and Playschool Graduate Hudson Krankowsky presented Elk Point Jack and Jill Instructor Tammy Klatt, with a \$1,000 donation to Playschool from the Pete Stafford Memorial Fund. Playschool is very appreciative and fortunate for the donations it receives!

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Rhonda, Ashley and Families

Olivia Rose performs in Centrefield

Elk Point's own Olivia Rose was part of the star-studded lineup at this weekend's Centrefield Music Festival in St. Paul, delighting the Saturday afternoon audience with her songs. For full coverage of the concert, see this week's St. Paul Journal.

Janice Huser photo



Playschool visits Heritage Lodge residents

BY TAMMY KLATT

Jack and Jill Playschool

On the last day of Playschool, Elk Point Jack and Jill students visited Heritage Lodge for their last time for their school year. The students delighted the residents with some of their favourite and new graduation songs. A great visit was had and many memories to keep from throughout the year of their four visits to the lodge. Have a wonderful summer everyone and we will be back in the fall!!



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Everyone from tiny tots to great-grandparents had fun at Ferguson Flats Community's annual Family Picnic on Sunday, from enjoying the old-style playground to taking part in a scavenger hunt.....

Fun and games at Ferguson Flats Picnic

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Thunderstorms complicate minor ball season

Game day decisions for the head coach are always difficult. Not so much with the lineup, although that may be so in the older, more competitive groups and especially in the majors, trying to figure who plays and hits better against certain pitchers; but we're talking about the wonderful wet weather!



games in fact could have been played, the sun did shine after 6 p.m. If only we had a crystal ball!

But the Peeewe Girls Pumas did play on Monday night and defeated Elizabeth Colony by a few runs and didn't need their last at bats. Jadey 'the Lady' Capjack behind the plate doing a terrific job catching, she has a strong arm for the throw to the bases. Pitcher Mykaela Verenka started the game for the first two innings and was getting help from her fielders for the outs. Then Paige Skarsen coming in for two innings, she has a very good low fastball and was tough for any of the girls to get a hit, most of them going down swinging. Then closing the game pitching for her first time ever, Jorga Theriault, although some runs did score on her, in the end with the help of some fine fielding they shut them down and didn't need their last at bats to win.

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LOOKING GOOD! The Mosquito Sox placed second in the 'A' event at the Eastbourne tournament this weekend.

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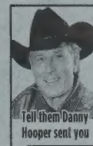
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The Peewee AA provincial team had a very good weekend and won all three of their games in playing in St. Albert on Saturday. They defeated Grand Prairie 12 to 2 in their first game. Their second game against Slave Lake the boys hammered them big time... 44 to 4 was the score. Kobe 'the Cobra' Warawa, Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion, and Andon 'Ace' Ballas all bashing the ball for multiple extra base hits. On Sunday they played the Parkland Twins from Spruce Grove in a much closer game. After being down early 6 to 2 they battled back and pulled off a 16 to 15 win with the help of the 'Ace' closer Andon Ballas. The team, with a 6 and 0 record for the month of June, will now sit and wait to be re-tired for next month.

Our Mosquitoes played in a tournament in Eastborne this past weekend, playing five games in total, losing out in the A final to St. Lina. Some awe-

some pitching by Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman and Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, who also teamed up on a play at home and third to make a double play. Janyka Evans Anderson hitting a nice double to center field. Tray Thomas and Chevy Calliou with some nice hits as well driving in runs. Kaysen DeMossiac getting the call up from the rookie farm team and getting on base almost every time he came to the plate.

Our Midget AA provincial players Kaiden 'K Rock' Evans Anderson and Braden 'Magnet' Fairbairn both doing really well at the plate in Bonnyville winning two out of three games. 'K Rock' pitching the final two innings on Sunday. He also got credit with a double play on a hot liner at shortstop.

And a big happy anniversary going out today to our good friends Keith and Sue Campbell. And now for the K.A. quote of the week. "May the sun never set on American baseball." - Harry Truman, February 2, 1951

Slow start to the 2017 Forts season**VICKI BROOKER**
Review Staff

Even with 10 school tours to their credit as of last Wednesday, staff at Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site say that visitation to the site is down considerably from other years.

The school groups have come "even when it rained," says lead interpreter Dayle Oster, "and they have given us good reviews." However, inclement weather and the caterpillar invasion seem to have taken their toll on the other visitor statistics, which were down 78 per cent from last year's May numbers and "not quite as many as other years" to that point in June.

Oster is pleased with the site's interpretive staff and says they are "doing well, and showing leadership."

Program coordinator Ross Stromberg says plans are shaping up for the July 15 and 16 Bushcraft 1792 event, the first two-day event to be held at the site. The Edmonton House Brigade will be on hand to demonstrate survival skills from the late 1700s and early 1800s, including many skills learned from the Indigenous people of that time, skills that Stromberg says are still useful today.

The special programming will go from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, with "different and additional activities" from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15. In a rare departure from the usual hours, the site will reopen Saturday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. to explore "the social side of survival," with storytelling and an opportunity to visit with the Brigade.

With the basic program already in place, Stromberg is still hoping to add a few more events, and is looking for volunteers who could demonstrate way finding, guide visitors through a compass course and even teach visitors the Red River Jig. Anyone interested in being part of the program may contact Oster or Stromberg at the historic site, 780-724-2611.

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THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME

Now that the kids have grown and moved into homes of their own, you may be thinking about moving into a smaller home. Maybe retirement is just around the corner, and your current house has too much space, or requires a little too much upkeep. Here are some things to consider before making the decision to downsize.

COST

Most people think that selling a larger house and buying a smaller one means they will have extra money from the sale of their current house. Unfortunately that's not always the case. It can depend on the housing market at the time and how much is left owing on your current mortgage. You need to consider whether or not you will make a profit from the sale of your current house, and the price of a smaller house.

In order to sell your house you may need to do some upgrades and repairs before listing.

This may start out to be a small cost but could grow once you get started.

While a smaller home means less cost on utilities, you could be adding in the cost of a condo fee if you are planning on a townhome or apartment condo. The upside to condo fees is less outside maintenance.

Another cost to consider is furniture. You may have plenty of furniture in your current house, but will it fit in a smaller home? You may have to purchase new furniture to fit in a smaller space.

DECLUTTERING

After living in your current home for so many years, you have probably accumulated a lot of stuff. You need to make sure you are prepared to get rid of some of the things you have accumulated over the years, as you will not have room for it all in your new home. You also have to be prepared to leave behind the memories of living in your home for decades.

FEATURES OF A SMALLER HOME

You need to make sure that you will be comfortable in your new home for the next 20-30 years. You may want to consider a bungalow style home, rather than a home with a lot of stairs. While you may be in perfect health right now, think about your future health and whether the features in your retirement home will facilitate any changes.

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